

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Joe Gurecky**

Joe Gurecky shares his life growing up on a farm in Booth Texas. He describes life without a television or a telephone; how he rode a horse to visit family and neighbors; and the various activities that revolved around family, church and friends. He worked for Baroid Oil Field Services as a manager until starting his own company in 1983 in Rosenberg – Gurecky Manufacturing Services. Joe not only dedicated himself to growing his company but also gave back to the community as Rosenberg city councilmember and later as mayor. He was a guiding force behind managed growth in Rosenberg as well as the development of Brazos Town Center. He and his wife, Doris raised two daughters in Fort Bend County. Now, they give their time, talents and financial resources to many worthy charitable organizations in and around the county.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Doris Gurecky – wife  
 Emma Gurecky (Kulcak) – sister  
 Jerome Kulcak – brother in law  
 Olga Marie Gurecky (Kulcak) – sister  
 Laddie Gurecky – brother  
 Leonard Gurecky – brother  
 Tom Booth – owner Booth Ranch  
 Evan Stavinoha – uncle  
 Joe Gurecky – father  
 Ludwig Gurecky – uncle  
 Charles Gurecky – uncle  
 Louise Gurecky (Orsak) – aunt  
 Betty Gurecky (Popek) – aunt  
 Mary Gurecky (Vacek) – aunt  
 Mary Stavinoha (Gurecky) – mother  
 Lad Stavinoha – uncle  
 Alfonse Stavinoha – uncle  
 Viola Stavinoha (Hundl) – aunt  
 Eleanor Stavinoha (Ernest) – aunt  
 Arnold Stavinoha – uncle  
 Vojt Stavinoha  
 Red – employee on farm

Cliff Terrell – friend  
 Arthur Mahlman, Herb Phalen, Theresa Laia  
 and Brian Gaston  
 Mr. Litmen – boss at Baroid Oil Field Services  
 Dianne Wilson – County Clerk, Fort Bend County  
 Dorothy Ryan – Rosenberg City Councilwoman & Mayor  
 Governor Rick Perry  
 Dean Leaman – friend  
 Jack Myska – friend  
 Stovall Family – New First National Bank

### Places / Businesses

Sugar Land, Texas  
 Fairchild, Texas  
 Baroid Oil Field Services  
 Gurecky Manufacturing Service  
 Rosenberg, Texas  
 Schlumberger  
 Halliburton

## Events

Born in Sugar Land 1938

Raised on a farm in Fairchild

M/Great-grandparents arrive in Texas in early 1900s from Frydek-Mistek Czechoslovakia

P/Great-grandparents and grandparents arrive in Texas from Europe

Worked for Bariod Oil Field Services for 27 years

Married Doris Walcik November 1957

Father & brother killed in car accident in 1967

Founded Gurecky Manufacturing Service in 1983 in Rosenberg

Co-Founder of Fort Bend Taxpayers Coalition

Served on City of Rosenberg City Council 1995 – 1999

Served as Mayor for City of Rosenberg 1999 – 2011

Serves on the board of various charities & foundation